(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to enhance the quality and quantity of wool produced in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) whether a wool marketing centre will be established in Andhra Pradesh which has a large sheep population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Imported raw wool

Year	Quantity	Value (Rs.)
1988-89	27.59 Mil. Kgs.	175.80 crores
1989-90	21.35 Mil. Kgs.	171.99 crores
1990-91	29.21 Mil. Kgs.	179.84 crores

(b) Wool Development Board was formed to provide an institutional link between the growers and industry and with a view to harmonising various interest between the wool growers and the wool users. Functions of the Wool Development Board are as follows:—

(i) Market intelligence.

(ii) Monitoring and evaluation.

(iii) Price stabilisation.

(iv) Advice to the Government on policy matters.

(v) Quality control and regulations.

(vi) Coordination; and

(vii) Such other functions as may be specified by the Government.

(c) Estimated production of wool in Andhra Pradesh is 1586 metric tonnes during 91-92.

(d) Following steps have been taken to enhance the quality and quantity of wool in Andhra Pradesh:—

1. Cross breeding with exotic Rams of Rambouilldt and Corriedali breed is done with Deccan and Bellary Sheep.

2. Intensive sheep development projects, 10 in number have been taken up in the State. This has 273 sheep extension centres covering 14 Districts.

(e) At present no marketing arrangement exists in the State of Andhra Pradesh. State Government is considering a proposal to set up a State level Sheep and Goat Development Cooperative Federation with the assistance of NCDC which will undertake marketing activities also.

Enactment of laws for adoption

*6. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to enact law to make adoption easy for Childless couples in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Reservation of items for the Powerloom Sector

*7. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Powerloom Sector is facing acute crises;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) what remedial action is being initiated for survival of Powerloom Industry; and

(d) whether manufacture of any category of cloth has been reserved for the Powerloom Sector, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.